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CIO BACKS OUT OF NLRB VOTE IN WATSONVILLE

A scheduled NLRB jurisdiction election at Watsonville Canning Co. between the AFL Warehousemen's Union 890 of Salinas and the CIO-FTA was called off last week when the CIO withdrew its petition for the election, reports Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Local 890.

Andrade said the election had been scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, by the NLRB, but Louisa Moreno, secretary of the CIO-FTA, withdrew the election petition on Tuesday, July 16.

The action of the CIO automatically leaves no alternative for the Watsonville Canning Co. but to recognize Local 890 as bargaining agency for the approximately 150 persons employed in the canning operations of the firm, Andrade said. Local 890 had signed most workers to pledge cards previous to the election date, Andrade said.

ELECTRICIANS ANNUAL PICNIC SUNDAY, AUG. 18

The fourteenth annual picnic to be given by the local unions of the Joint Executive Conference of Northern California Electrical Workers (IBEW) will be held on Sunday, August 18, at Linda Vista Picnic Park, Mission San Jose, a few miles north of San Jose on the Oakland Highway.

Games, dancing, races, cats, swimming, riding, ice cream, prizes of all types, rides for kiddies, and other entertainment will be provided.

Coffee, cream and sugar will be supplied to guests at no charge, although each person must provide his or her own food.

All members, their families and friends are invited to the affair.

Temo Official Greets New Son

Frank Stevens, business agent in Monterey County for Teamsters Union 287, became the father of a 8½-pound baby boy last week.

Brother Stevens said his wife, Hazel, who is well known to union folk of Salinas where the couple formerly operated a restaurant, is doing nicely and she and the boy have returned home from the hospital.

The lad, who has been named Donald B. Stevens, will be raised to be either a teamster or an organizer, Brother Stevens said, adding that he hopes the boy will grow rapidly and become his assistant in a few weeks.

Warehousemen 890 Plan New Offices At Watsonville

Warehousemen and Teamsters Union 890, which has its headquarters in Salinas and has had offices in the Watsonville Labor Temple for several months, will open new offices in Watsonville on Walker Street near West Lake some time around September 1, Secretary Peter A. Andrade reported last week.

Demolition Of Collapsed Building Starts

Workmen started last week-end to tear down the building next to the Franciscan Hotel which burned down more than a year ago. The building being demolished had had started to collapse and workmen who were working on the excavation for reconstruction of the hotel narrowly escaped when the side of the adjoining structure gave way.

The collapsed building, formerly stores with apartments upstairs, will be rebuilt, according to union officials.

J. B. McGinlev, business agent for building trades in Salinas, reported all building tradesmen busy on a number of housing jobs and highway projects.

Andrade Starts Vacation Soon

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Warehousemen and Teamsters Union 890 and also secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, will begin his annual vacation on July 28, he announced last week.

Andrade declined to state his vacation plans but said he was going to "get a good rest."

Pat Wilson Heads Temo Mty. Office

Pat Wilson, comely miss who resides in the Seaside District, has been named office secretary for Teamsters Union 287 in the Monterey offices at the Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado Ave.

Miss Wilson will collect dues, answer the telephone, and generally assist organizers and teamsters in the Salinas area in the office, according to Teamsters Business Agent Frank Stevens of Salinas.

Salinas Hotels Sign Contracts With Culinary

Two Salinas hotels, the Jeffrey and the Cominos, have signed union contracts with Culinary Alliance 467 and Bartenders Union 545, reports Secretary Bertha Boles, representing both organizations.

The Jeffrey Hotel had closed its dining room and bar during recent picketing by the unions and reopened the bar with a 100 percent union crew, agreeing to open the dining room with a union crew later.

Management of the Cominos Hotel signed the contract shortly after the Jeffrey had signed up. No pickets were placed before the Cominos.

Labor council picket sanction had been obtained when the Jeffrey at first refused to sign with the union.

CARPENTERS IN MONTEREY PICK LEADERS

New officers were elected this month by Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey with incumbents generally returned to office.

The new officers include Dale L. Ward, financial secretary, who has been ill for some time but who was retained by the membership by unanimous choice despite a suggestion by Ward that he would be willing to turn the post he has held for more than a decade over to a newcomer.

Following is the slate of officers: President—Grover Bethards. Vice-President—W. T. Evans. Recording Secretary—W. J. Allen. Financial Secretary—Dale L. Ward. Treasurer—W. J. Dickerson. Trustees—L. T. Galbraith, M. A. Shook and E. M. Brooks.

Officers Named By Salinas Carpenters

Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas had annual election and installation of officers this month with a new secretary being chosen but other incumbents generally retained, reports Business Agent George Harter.

Harter added that Pat Haley, contractor who had had brushes with union labor in the past, has opened a new subdivision job and is building some 100 new homes with all union labor.

The new officers are: President—Ray Luna. Vice-President—Ivan Miller. Secretary—A. O. Miller. Financial Secretary—L. H. Taft. Treasurer—O. O. Little. Business Agent—George Harter. Warden—Jess Stevens. Conductor—Carl Hauschild.

Laundry Workers Hear Palacios; Campaign Good

Laundry Workers Union 258 of Salinas met last week and heard Lawrence Palacios, international officer, in a good report of progress in the craft throughout the state.

John Deer, business representative for the union, reported that the organizational campaign is progressing well in Salinas in an endeavor to make the laundry industry in the Salinas area 100 percent union.

Seven new members were initiated at the union meeting, which had, generally routine business transacted.

This country celebrated its 170th birthday by ramping the highways in a cut-down jolopy with no fenders and hum tires. —LABOR LEADER.

CULINARY HELP NEEDED BADLY AT MONTEREY

Hotel & Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Alliance, Local 483, of Monterey, issued an appeal last week to any person wishing employment in the culinary field—cooks, waiters, waitresses, bus boys, etc.—to contact the union at 301 Alvarado St., Monterey.

Pearl Robinson, union secretary and representative, said numerous calls for help each week go unfilled.

The union had several new members accepted last week, by initiations and by transfer, but more help is still needed, she said.

W.S.B. Asks Truman For Round-Table

The President. The White House. Mr. President:

The National Wage Stabilization Board is deeply concerned about the prospect of uncontrolled inflation which we, as industry, labor and public members of that Board, believe is the inevitable consequence of the proposed legislation modifying the Stabilization Act and the Emergency Price Control Act.

It is our unanimous judgment that the proposed legislation presents no possibility of wage stabilization or of the achievement of the balance between wages and prices which is essential to economic stability.

It is our judgment that all segments of the national community, including industry, labor and agriculture, have a common interest in preventing a race between wages and prices gaining in momentum. We are convinced that the proposed legislation does not reflect a full appreciation of its implications and its effect upon the national economy.

It would be our recommendation that before final action is taken with respect to this legislation, you call upon the representatives of American industry, labor and agriculture to discuss with you the actual effect of this proposal upon their interests. We are confident that those representatives recognize their stake in securing a stabilized period during which production can get into full swing and the danger of inflation can be averted.

We should welcome an opportunity to develop with you in further detail the basis of concern suggested in this letter.

Respectfully yours,
Signed by:
W. WILLARD WIRTZ,
EARL CANNON
ROBERT WATT
JACK G. DAY
A. COLMAN BARRETT
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Move Starts to Bring Minimum Pay Act to Vote

A movement to bring the minimum wage bill to the House floor was started by Rep. Andrew Biemiller (D., Wis.) when he filed a discharge petition to force it out of the rules committee. Early last week the petition had 56 signatures, with 218 necessary to impel floor consideration of the bill.

Speaking for the bill, Rep. Jerry Voorhis (D., Cal.) said its passage would be of greatest value to the unorganized, since unionized workers had mostly reached the 65¢ minimum figure called for in the bill. He added that about 4 million workers now covered by the wage-hour act with its present 40¢ minimum would get hourly raises from the bill's passage.

Rep. George Outland (D., Cal.), chairman of the informal House group working for the measure, called upon all friends of minimum wage legislation to sign the petition terming the bill "an essential part of the President's program announced last Jan."

Appoint Board To Solve West. Union Dispute

Washington, D.C.

Labor Sec. Louis Schwellenbach has named a fact finding board to hear wage disputes between the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the AFL and CIO unions involved. Separate hearings will be held on the two cases, with Saul Wallen acting as chairman. He is former chairman of the New England Regional WLB. Serving with him are Sidney Cahn of the New York Board of Arbitration and Thomas Donahue, former member of the Detroit Regional WLB.

Competition is between those trying to be great—not between those who are.

Vet On-the-Job Training Faces Crisis Because Of State Setups

Washington, D.C.

The veterans on-the-job training program in which over 250,000 veterans are enrolled "faces a critical situation today" said Major Gen. G. B. Erskine, retraining and re-employment administrator, in a speech here.

He said governors of eight states were turning over responsibilities for the program to the Veterans Administration, because of shortage of state funds and lack of interest in the program. States are charged with approval of employer training programs, and the VA handles qualification of the veteran applicant, his payment and periodic check on his progress.

"Every possible step should be taken," Erskine said, "to see that veterans who are enrolled in this training receive the full benefit of their entitlements which have been generously provided by our government." He said that plans have been made for expanding the training program to include a million ex-GI's at a monthly federal cost of \$75 million.

To date union cooperation with the program has largely taken the form of local union consultation with VA units to qualify apprentices and learners in the skilled trades for the government subsistence payments, which run as high as \$90 monthly. The Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) says in many cases veterans taking an apprenticeship course are given training for service-acquired skills and with the government subsistence are making the full journeyman rate.

Labor unions have generally lifted the age limit for beginning apprenticeship to provide for veterans starting their trade later in life.

The court held that even though some of the plaintiffs had supervised as many as one hundred men, it was incumbent upon the shipbuilding company to show that they had supervised other employees for at least 80% of each work week, and if the men did the same work as the employees they supervised at least 20% of the work week, they were entitled to overtime under the act.

Accordingly, Judge Harrison found in favor of each of the plaintiffs, entitling them to three years' back pay and liquidated damages in an equal amount. The law requires that when an employer does not pay overtime when due, he must pay double the amount.

IMPORTANT RULING

The decision of Judge Harrison will have widespread effect upon the Pacific Coast, where thousands of working foremen have been deprived of their rights under the act, their employers claiming they were entirely supervisory.

Considerable confusion was caused recently by the decision of a federal judge in Massachusetts that supervisory employees were not entitled to the benefits of the Wage and Hour Act. The ruling of Judge Harrison now clarifies the situation and indicates strongly to every employer that before his employees are exempt as supervisory, he has the burden of showing that they do not work with the tools of the trade for at least 20% of the time.

Attorney Sokol has been informed that the shipbuilding company does not intend to appeal from the decision.

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FEDERATION COUNCIL TO MEET SOON

San Francisco, Calif.

The first official meeting of the new Executive Council elected by the 44th Annual Convention will meet at the Hotel Wentcomb, San Francisco, July 27-28.

All resolutions referred to the Executive Council by the convention will be acted upon by the council, as well as the position taken on the various constitutional amendments which will appear on the ballot in November. Numerous other important points on the agenda, which has been mailed out to the members of the council, will be given consideration. The regular Quarterly Bulletin will be mailed to the affiliated organizations as quickly as it is prepared, upon the conclusion of the meeting.

HOUSING GYP

CHICAGO. — When Chicago Housing Authority canceled almost \$2 million in emergency housing contracts, some 7000 persons—families of World War II veterans—were robbed of their only hope for decent housing. Six months ago Chicago's housing plan provided for the building of 6000 homes for veterans. To date only 348 families have been housed.

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Court Rules Supervisory Staff Under Wage Laws

San Francisco, Calif.

Don't take it for granted that because an employee is given a title, such as foreman, and is rated as supervisory, that he is exempt from the provisions of the Wage and Hour Act.

This, in effect, was a recent decision of Federal Judge Ben Harrison, when he upheld the contentions of Attorney David Sokol that certain foremen, subforemen and assistant foremen of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding Corporation—Todd Yard at San Pedro, had been given "fancy" titles, but actually worked at the trade and therefore came under the act.

The evidence submitted by the plaintiffs—fourteen former employees—and their witnesses, showed that for part of each day, the alleged supervisory employees were required to use the tools of the trade.

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Asso. Farmer Stooge Takes Shellacking On 'Ag' Rider

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In a sudden upsurge of its own dignity, the Senate administered a spanking to the anti-labor forces in the House by refusing to go along on a rider to the labor-social security appropriations bill that would have prevented the NLRB from handling cases of agricultural processing or packing shed workers.

In two roll call votes within a 6-week period, the House voted to insist on its amendment. Both times the majority was around 2 to 1.

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What, Another Price?



Scratching her head in wonder, little Edna Daybill, Philadelphia consumer, ponders the recent rise in cost of her favorite food. Unless Congress passes an effective price control bill, other increases will be forthcoming. (Red. Pix.)

FEDERATION BACKS LUNDEBERG'S FIGHT AGAINST CIO RAIDS

San Francisco, Calif.

Harry Lundeborg, secretary of the Sailors Union of the Pacific and vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor, according to the request of the United States Government and in consideration of public interest, called off picketing of CIO-NMU ships on the East Coast in retaliation against the CIO's raid on the Sailors' Union of the Pacific's jurisdiction on the West Coast, when the longshoremen at Coos Bay, Oregon, were instructed not to work the Melo Franco, under contract with the SUP.

Nathan Feinsinger, representing the Secretary of Labor, recommended that a fact-finding panel be established to conduct and report its public hearings on the dispute.

The action by Brother Lundeborg followed a meeting held at the Federation's office in which Secretary Haggerty participated. The full might and resources of the AFL unions in California had previously been pledged by Secretary Haggerty in support of Lundeborg's fight against the CIO invasion of his collective bargaining rights.

TEAMSTERS' SUPPORT

A meeting of the Joint Council of Teamsters of the San Francisco Bay Area likewise pledged unlimited support to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific against the latest raiding threat of the dual union. Never before in the history of the California AFL has such determination and teamwork been manifested and organized to resist the CIO's latest rash of jurisdictional raiding. With such support there is no question as to what the outcome of this struggle will be.

Secretary Haggerty has been in constant close contact with the whole waterfront situation and is keeping the Federation alert to all new developments.

WITHDRAW LINES

Indignation of the members of the AFL seamen's unions ran high at this latest provocation, but they agreed to withdraw their picket lines on the East Coast upon instructions of Harry Lundeborg after the Secretary of Labor, through his representative, promised the immediate impaneling of a fact-finding committee. The importance of not interrupting waterfront commerce at this critical time played a great influence in the decision taken by the AFL seamen.

After the Sailors' Union of the Pacific signed an agreement covering all departments of the Melo Franco, in the presence of a representative of the Department of Conciliation, the longshoremen refused to handle cargo of this vessel when it arrived at Coos Bay, Oregon. This was an outright challenge to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, which immediately accepted it and refused to sail any ships into that port. This action was supported by the AFL licensed deck personnel.

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Accused Congressman



Rep. Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) has been linked by the Senate War investigating Committee, with a company now under scrutiny for war profiteering. Although his signature appears as an endorser of checks received by the Cumberland Lumber Co. of Ky., May claims he did not profit personally. But the investigation continues. (Fed. Pix.)

PILOT HIKE

WASHINGTON.—Pay raises for pilots employed by Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., ranging from about \$600 to \$2000 a year, were recommended by a Presidential Emergency Board.

SLUR ON WORKERS BLASTED

San Francisco, Calif.

"Thousands of jobs are going begging while government agencies encourage shiftless agencies to become conscienceless parasites through a dole."

This is the nifty produced by the California Manufacturers Assn., an outfit claiming to represent 475 of the 15,000-odd manufacturers in the state.

Chairman James G. Bryant of the California Employment Stabilization Commission blasted back: "The fact that the number of claims has dropped from 500,000 to 140,000 shows that most people want to work. A 'suitable' job is one with a comparable pay scale. You can't force a skilled carpenter or machinist to take a job as a factory laborer at a considerably lower pay than his skill calls for."

Peter D. Kristich, San Francisco manager of the U.S. Employment Service, charged in reply that thousands of non-whites are being refused work because of their color. "The day is gone when a job applicant needed only to breathe to prove he was qualified. Also, we are at the point where a person over 35 hasn't much chance of landing a new job," he added.

Urge Buyer Strike

RICHMOND, Va.—A call for its 30,000 members to join in a buyer strike in protest against rising prices has been issued by the Richmond Central Trades & Labor Council.

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THE IMMORTAL DRAGON

Ever since the writer was a sprout in knee breeches the Department of Justice has periodically put on its shining armor and set forth with flashing, jeweled poniard to slay the dread dragon of monopoly. Invoking the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, it has hailed the beast into court, fined him a few thousand dollars for restraint of trade, and left him for dead. But, somehow, no sooner is he slain than he pops back to life again, and by the time Siegfried has another go at it the creature has grown twice or thrice his former size.

The fact of the matter is that this whole business of "breaking up monopoly" has been a phoney from the start. Industry is vastly more concentrated into a few hands than ever before. As a result of World War II, monopoly has an even greater stranglehold on the American economy. Not only are our anti-trust laws puny things, but Congress refuses to pass a law with any teeth in it.

During this war, according to the recent report by the Senate Small Business Committee and the Smaller War Plants Corporation, the biggest gains were made by the large companies employing 10,000 or more workers. One hundred big corporations got two-thirds of the big war contracts. Uncle Sam spent over \$20 billion for plant expansion to get war production under way. This represents an expansion of 50 per cent of the pre-war production capacity, and most of this will be bought up for a song by these same corporations—just as U. S. Steel grabbed off the Geneva Steel Plant for 20 cents on the dollar. If the present trend of taking over government-financed industry continues, the 250 largest corporations will shortly own and control 66.5% of the nation's entire industrial plant!

In the light of these facts, can we be blamed if, when we hear of another D. of J. anti-monopoly crusade, we resort to "Haw, Haw!", "Nuts!", "Banana Oil!", and other crude expressions?

HOW SACRED ARE CONTRACTS?

Already a few big unions around the country have served notice on employers that, unless price ceilings are reimposed, they will demand that present contracts be reopened and wages boosted to meet the jump in living costs. We predicted some time ago that this would happen if an effective OPA were not maintained. Very few contracts have "escalator clauses." Union contracts are supposed to be binding until they expire, but most of those now in effect were entered into with the understanding that the government would keep a firm rein on living costs. The government has broken its word, and the wage increases granted since the first year don't mean anything any more. Therefore, employers must voluntarily agree to open up the contracts and make adjustments, or thousands of contracts will be broken. It is all right to stress "sanctity of contractual relations," but workers are not going to watch employers wax rich from inflated prices while they themselves take a beating!

BARNUM WAS RIGHT

We were wondering when one of the more progressive members of Congress would get out his trusty old rake and start probing around in the muck for some dope on war graft, and now comes the news that such a probe will shortly be under way. When the late war started Franklin Roosevelt insisted that legislation be passed to prevent the making of more millionaires, but he was overridden by our misrepresentatives in Washington. During the first World War our tycoons revelled in a veritable saturnalia of graft, unconscionable profiteering and exploitation of the public resources, but we predict that the revelations of how we "got took" in this war will make Hog Island and Teapot Dome seem like pink tea parties. It will take years to bring the full story to light, and the daily press will not do much to publicize it. The labor papers and the liberal weeklies will have to tell the public about it.

THE SHAME OF THE NATIONS

That incident in Poland when the lie of a small boy started an anti-Semitic pogrom which ended in the death of some 40 Jewish people should serve to remind us that the evil of Hitler did not die with him. Violent anti-Semitism is still rampant in many parts of Europe. No wonder the Jews insist on going to Palestine! Even if they have to fight Arabs and British when they get there, they'll at least have a sporting chance to survive. The greatest shame of World War II is that, after most of the Jews were slaughtered by Hitler, we still insist on keeping the remnants huddled in ghettos, cooped up in DP camps, shut out of the Home they have dreamed of for centuries, in constant fear of terrorists. What a beautiful "Christian" way to pay homage to Jesus the Jew!

GIGGLES AND GROANS

POWERFUL INCENTIVE

The loving was so torrid, it moved a woman at the movie to poke her husband with her elbow and say: "When are you going to make love like that?"

His reply: "I happen to know that that fellow is getting \$305,750 a year for doing it."

DEMON FOR SPEED

LAWYER (to lovely witness): Answer "yes" or "no".

WITNESS: My, you're a fast worker, aren't you?

ULTRIOR MOTIVE

Waitress, to patron who has left a 5c tip: "Whatcha tryin' to do bub, seduce me?"

THE SECRET FORMULA

There's the one about the No. 1 loafer who went away on a trip and returned with a brand-new wife.

"Well, Ezra," remarked the mayor, meeting the new bridegroom on the street, "so you've gone and got married, eh?"

"Yep, by golly, I have," chirped Ezra.

The mayor, who was the town's leading bachelor, assumed a forlorn air and mournfully exclaimed: "But here am I, a lonely bachelor still! It seems no one will have me!"

"I think I can help you get a wife, Mayor," Ezra suggested hopefully.

"Really?" cried the mayor, pretending to be overjoyed with the thought.

Ezra glanced about cautiously. Then, putting his lips close to the mayor's ear, he whispered:

"Do what I did, Mayor. Go where you ain't known."

SEVERE COMPETITION

A suit had been brought against a fertilizer company for the abatement of a nuisance. The witness, a plain old woman, had testified that when she passed the company's plant on a certain afternoon the odor had been very offensive, even at a considerable distance.

The attorney for the defense took her in hand for cross-examination. "You say that on this particular afternoon when you passed the factory you could smell it a long way off, and that it was very offensive?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you know that the government keeps a daily record of the weather, including the direction and force of the wind?"

"I've heard so."

"Well, now what would you say if I were to show you from the weather bureau records that on the afternoon you say you noticed that offensive smell there was a strong wind blowing, and that the wind was blowing from you toward the factory, instead of from the factory toward you? What would you think of that?"

"Well, sir, it wouldn't surprise me a bit. That stink was stronger than any wind."

GOING IN THE HOLE

For several Sundays in a row, the Negro parson was puzzled by IOU's that kept coming up in the collection plate. At first he thought it was the work of a practical joker but some weeks later he found an envelope containing money equal to the IOU's with a note explaining that the different sums ranging from \$5 to \$15 were based on whatever the donor thought the sermon worth that particular week.

Then came the Sunday when the sermon was not so good. After the offering plate came up, the preacher found the usual envelope and on the slip of paper was the note: "U O Me \$5."

SERIOUS OBJECTION

Then there's the story about the ingratiate a man in a small town encountered when he decided to run for office. Among this man's friends was a citizen who was indebted to him for many favors. Naturally, the candidate called on him and solicited his support.

"Well, I don't know about that," replied the citizen, hesitatingly.

"What?" demanded the candidate. "Don't you remember how I helped you during the depression?"

"Yes," his friend grudgingly admitted.

"And don't you remember how I fixed things up between you and your wife when you were having trouble?"

"Yes,"

"Surely, you remember the time I got financial backing for your son so he could go into business?"

"Yes,"

"And don't forget that I let you have the money to put your daughter through college."

"Yes,"

"Then," shouted the candidate, "how can you stand there and say you don't know whether you ought to support me or not?"

"Well," retorted his friend, "what have you done for me lately?"

Green Hits Congress
BOSTON.—AFL Pres. Wm. Green told convention of Int. Bro. of Bookbinders here the present Congress "is the worst I have ever known."

The reactionary forces in both parties have united for the purpose of making a drive upon labor.

Bldg. Trades Council Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Dickerson, 8 p.m.
Roll call showed eight local unions represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials were received from Laborers L.U. 690 for Robert Dalton; from Plumbers L.U. 62 UA for L. T. Long, Howard Tretzel, Henry Diaz and L. A. Trine; from Painters L.U. 272 for J. J. Burke, John L. Maher and Robert Deakin; from Operating Engineers L.U. 3 for M. G. Murphy; from Brick Masons L.U. 16 for Harold M. Clark, Joseph Real and C. W. Tabler.

It was moved and seconded that the credentials be received and the delegates seated. (Carried.)

BILLS

Bills amounting to \$422.17 were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received two letters from Painters L.U. 272 calling attention of the council to three local business firms that have had non-union painters do their work. (Referred to executive board.)

A letter from Sheet Metal Workers L.U. 304 requesting a full time business agent be set up in Salinas. (Referred to executive board.)

Notice from Iron Workers L.U. 377 reporting the awarded wage for Ornamental Iron Workers at \$1.85 per hr., effective May 1, 1946.

A special news release covering the subject of wage rates respective to building crafts, since July 1, 1946. (Filed.)

A letter from International Chemical Workers Union explaining their appeal for assistance.

A letter from B & CTC of Grand Island, Nebraska, requesting help from all other councils to organize the Peter Kewitt & Sons Construction Co., who operate nation wide.

A special Pile But circular listing jobs and general conditions of the trade.

A letter from Salinas Labor Council in support of their stand against the ICWU.

Three News Letters from Calif. State Federation of Labor.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The report of the executive board was read and the recommendations were approved.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Bro. Long reports the work of the past two weeks, made a trip to San Francisco to attend a conference where a new wage agreement was signed for Carpenters in the Northern 46 counties of California. This gave the carpenter \$1.75 per hour, the agreement was copied and mailed out this week, it being effective the first full pay week after July 10, 1946. The demand for craftsmen is lively in most all crafts. (The report was accepted.)

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Bro. Burke, Painters L.U. 272, the painters are moving along in good order, elected officers and initiated several new members.

Bro. Hager, Painters 272, I am a new delegate here and wish to get acquainted. I noticed a painter working last Saturday on Franklin Street, but did not have time to see who it was.

Bro. Foster, Sheet Metal Worker, L.U. 304, no meeting since the council met, but everybody is very busy.

Bro. H. M. Clark, Brick Masons L.U. No. 16, good meeting, initiated two new members, elected officers. The next meeting will be in Watsonville.

Bro. Perry Luce, Laborers L.U. 690, good meeting, initiated 10

new members, we expect to put a business agent in the field.

Bro. Fales, Electric Workers 1072, a very good meeting, well attended, we did a lot of business, we now have some 70 members.

Bro. Howard Tretzel, Plumbers L.U. 62 UA, small meeting, will hold installation of officers next meeting.

Bro. Dickerson, Carpenters L.U. 1523, small attendance, but a good meeting, initiated 17 new members.

NEW BUSINESS

Bro. Perry Luce, president of Hod Carriers and Laborers Local Union 690, stated that the Laborers wish to put a business agent in the field and they would like to cut their per capita to the building Trades Council.

After a short discussion, the chairman referred the question to the council executive board for recommendation.

Bro. Mahlon Fales, delegate to the California State Federation of Labor Convention, gave his report of the convention. He protests that the Federation is not giving the proper support to the craft unions and moving toward the way of the CIO, which in a short time will destroy the high standard and quality of work that has always been the desire of the craft union.

The industrial unions do not stop within their own plant but move out to take over private work on the outside which belongs to the building trades. It is up to the building crafts to demand their work wherever they find it, in the plant or out. Do not let your standard or quality of work be broken down.

The report was accepted.

A letter from Painters local union concerning the Frank Bridler Paint firm. After a few minutes of discussion, Mr. Herzog asked permission of the floor, which was granted. He states that Mr. Bridler is planning to build several houses for rent or sale and will build with all union help on the work, says that Mr. Bridler will sign the Painters local union to work union men in his shop and abide by the laws, rules and regulations of the Painters local union and will pay such fines that are now levied against any of his men together with a new initiation fee.

It was moved and seconded that the council correspond with Painters local union and request them to reconsider the signing up of the Bridler firm. (Carried.)

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations were declared open for the following:

Nominated for President, Wm. J. Dickerson; first vice-president, John Alsop, second vice-president, Mahlon Fales; rec. sec., L. T. Long; fin. sec., L. T. Long.

Executive board, Perry Luce (Frank Decker) L.U. 690; J. Alsop, 304; Mahlon Fales, 1072; J. J. Burke, 272; H. M. Clark, 16; Tretzel, 62; Ken. Olsen, 337; Frank Walker, 50; F. Stevens, 287; W. E. Evans, 1323; Barter, 122; M. G. Murphy 3.

Trustees, Frank Decker, 690; M. Fales 1323; J. Alsop, 304.

Organization board, Harry Foster, 304; Robert Dalton, 690; H. Tretzel, 62; J. Hager, 272; W. T. Evans, 1323.

Business manager, held over for executive board appointment.

GOOD OF COUNCIL

No further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. LONG, Sec.

Tobin Issues Warning to Demo Chiefs

Indianapolis, Indiana.

A blunt warning that the Democrats are "losing labor's support" was given the Truman administration by Daniel J. Tobin, president of the 700,000-member Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) and three times chairman of the labor division of the Democratic National Committee.

In the current issue of The Intl. Teamster, Tobin said that masses of workers who were responsible for 12 years of Democratic majorities under Franklin D. Roosevelt are not going to the polls because they have no confidence in Democratic candidates and will not vote for reactionary Republicans.

"I find in traveling throughout the country that there is a general dissatisfaction among those who strongly supported me in my efforts to elect Franklin D. Roosevelt," Tobin said. "Those same men now simply say to themselves: 'What is the difference whether the Republican party gets in or not? We would be just as well off with the Republican party as we would with what we are getting from the Democratic party.'"

RESULTS QUESTIONED

"It is somewhat difficult to convince them that Pres. Truman is doing all he can to be helpful. The answer you get (and this comes from former friends of the party) is: 'Doing all you can is not enough when requests mean nothing. The results speak for themselves.'"

Expressing the hope that "the Democratic leadership will wake up and understand that their hope is in the masses of workers whose confidence today they have lost," Tobin said that if this doesn't take place all branches of the labor movement will have to unite for action.

MISREPRESENTATIVES

"Democrats have a substantial majority in Congress," he continued, "but there are only about 100 congressmen who stand up and vote for the workers when adverse legislation is aimed at them. The average worker . . . simply decides one party is no better than another and while he won't vote for a reactionary Republican or a reactionary Democrat he will simply stay away from the polls. Eventually it may lead to a massing together of the tools of the nation in all organizations of labor so that unified action will prevail."

"Any leader of labor who does anything to prevent such unification of the workers will find himself on the outside looking in."



"It's simply awful," said Mrs. Dilworth.

"What, dear?" asked Mr. Dilworth drowsily from behind his evening paper as Little Luther looked up to see what had provoked his usually quiet and unconcerned mother.

"Why, prices at the super-market downtown. Do you know I paid \$1.20 a pound for the steak we had for dinner tonight?"

"Well, dear," said Mr. Dilworth soothingly, "I wouldn't let that upset me. You see, prices are bound to rise for a while but they'll settle back after a bit."

"Yes, they'll settle back," he said with a sigh, returning to his paper.

"Darling, I'm awfully relieved to hear you say that. Then you won't mind if I need another \$15 every week for our table expenses."

"Wh-h-h-h-hat's that?" Mr. Dilworth spluttered, all at once becoming quite alert.

"Well, you see, dear," Mrs. Dilworth continued, "after returning from shopping this afternoon, I figured up how much I am going to need now to feed you and Luther. And with milk up 3c a quart, butter up 35c a pound, chickens up 24c, peas up 4c, bread up 2c and cheese up 41c—oh, dear, everything is up so high." Mrs. Dilworth began to cry.

"I'm going to need at least \$15 and perhaps more," she added between her tears.

"Now, now, now," said Mr. Dilworth, looking sharply at Little Luther as he dug his hand into his pocket.

And Little Luther just laughed and laughed and laughed.

Food for Strikers

MORRISVILLE, Pa.—A caravan of buses and 125 autos packed with more than a thousand AFL workers brought food, clothing and medical supplies to striking ag. workers at the 3200 Starkey Farms here. In a recent riot strikebreakers from Philly, armed with shotguns and blackjacks, dispersed pickets, injuring several. Living conditions at the farm are completely primitive, with as many as 50 families sharing a single well and two 6-year-old old-style "Chic Sales" which have never been cleaned.

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CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters Hall, North Main Street. Pres., Ray Luna. Vice-Pres., I. R. Miller. Business Agent, George Harter, 422 North Main Street, phone 5721. Financial Secy., L. H. Taft, 243 Clay Street, phone 4246. Treas., O. O. Little. Recording Secy., Amos Schofield, 422 North Main.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Ed Francis; Vice-President, Mrs. Ray Luna; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aubrey Cunningham; Treasurer, Mrs. Mark Phillips; Warden, Mrs. Bert Nelson; Conductress, Mrs. Earl Van Emon.

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CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meetings subject to call. Secy., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets first Wed of each month at 117 Pajaro St. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr., 25 Harvest St., phone 3361. Pres., E. M. Bills, phone 6524. Fin. Secy., E. R. Silk, 129 Rodeo St., phone 4589.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. H. Ingorsoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom. Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas. Bus. Agt. J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

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ATHLETES UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilbilly St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas. Phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Pres., Mildred Clayton, 18 McFadden Rd. Secretary, Lesta Williams, 19 Capitol, phone 3796. Bus. Agt. and office, J. W. Deer, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tues., 117 Pajaro St., at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Earl Ross, Res. 129 Dennis St. Fin-Sec-Business Rep., Donald McBeth, Res. 589 El Camino Real, North, P.O. Box 114, East Salinas Branch. Res. phone 9770, office phone 8783. Rec. Sec., Dennis Hartman, Res. 614 Mae Ave.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Everly; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, E. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. D. Schirke, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

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YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS

By
GEORGE E. OUTLAND



Although I wrote very recently on the vital question of price control, judging by my mail, this subject is still foremost in many minds. What has been the result of two weeks or so without OPA and what are some of the conclusions to be drawn?

Figures taken from the conservative New York Journal of Commerce show sharp price rises for 30 of our most basic commodities, including grains, foods, textiles and metals. These price rises are figured for the first five days without OPA, yet they exceeded by more than 100 per cent the annual rate of rise for the same commodities for 3 years and 3 months, with OPA. This is a startling and depressing indication of what is to come. These prices shown for such basic commodities, metals, grains—also indicate the reflection in the prices of thousands of products made from grains and from metals. This being true, for every day of failure to revive OPA, even though eventually restored and given roll back powers, the job of rolling back becomes more and more administratively impossible.

This morning's paper, on the day I write this column, reports that meat prices in the wholesale markets are the highest in 26 years and that beef in the stockyards has broken an 81 year price record. I can well imagine what the butcher on my corner will be forced to charge in a few days. The livestock dealers are quoted as saying: "There is nothing to stop us now," but I am afraid that is not true, for the sheer inability of many people to buy at these prices, especially as they soar still further, will stop them all too soon. This goes for shoe leather too; raw hides are reported up 20 to 30 per cent!

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO

What, then, is the effect of the President's veto of the OPA bill on this whole situation? If the President had accepted this bill we might not have had the same situation during the first five days, but at the end of five months, it would have been worse. As President Truman said in his veto message: "It is a choice between inflation with a statute, and inflation without one. This bill continues the government's responsibility to stabilize the economy, and at the same time destroys the government's power to do so."

One of the reasons the President called this an impossible bill is to be found in the Taft and Wherry amendments which offered several complicated devices for recomputing ceilings on every level from producer to retailer. This Taft amendment puts into prices the profit per unit for sales in the year 1941, a year in which profits were 1/2 again as great as 1929, at its peak, just before the bottom fell out. Thus, it would become mandatory under

the law, to place ceilings on this basis, and this would cost the American consumer many billions of dollars. As the President told us, it would mean a 20 per cent increase in the cost of most building materials—consider what this would do to the veteran's housing program; a 25 per cent to 30 per cent increase in the price of washing machines and refrigerators; an increase of at least 15 per cent in the most of clothing.

OPA has always viewed its job for the reconversion period as an orderly decontrol of goods when supply and demand balanced. It has never seen its job as fixing new ceilings at prices which no one can afford. Of course, production must occur to create the supplies, but perhaps part of the answer to shortages has been given when we see meat flow back into the markets from the corners where it has been withheld, once prices are allowed to double and treble. President Truman told us that passage of the OPA bill originally sent to him would have made this very situation worse. For under that bill, for each increase given today, another one is legitimate tomorrow. Anyone who thought his profits would be better next week than this week, is certainly going to wait until then to sell. Thus the situation is aggravated, and even speculation is legalized.

The President could not have done otherwise than to veto this bill. Besides he had 24 hours to go and no doubt, he must have felt, as many of us did, that in the face of such a crisis, the Congress could no longer let the American people down. It is with a sinking heart, then, that I watch the Senate working on a new price control bill which is gradually taking the misbegotten shape of the old one which literally ordered the administration of inflation.

Many food items essential to any nutritious diet are being removed from all controls. The Taft amendment may be returned. Filibusters are once more threatened as precious time ticks away. You cannot take out certain products before economic circumstances permit their decontrol. If meat and other vital foods are decontrolled now, every wage earner whose grocery bill goes out of sight has a right to ask for higher wages. If petroleum products are decontrolled, every shipper and trucker and operator of a diesel engine has a right to charge more if his fuel costs go up. If all controls are removed, but we try to keep rent ceilings, the landlord is undeniably discriminated against. This is not the way to meet the situation under the present abnormal economic circumstances. Injustices and inequities must be corrected, but, for our own protection, price control must be reinstated at once, and maintained for at least a while longer.

Until next week...

MacGowan Backing Pay Savings Bonds

Labor is urging its members to adopt a plan of systematic savings through purchase of U.S. savings bonds, and last week Pres. Chas. J. MacGowan of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers added his hearty approval to the long list of labor endorsements.

Under the Treasury Department's payroll savings program, an individual can arrange to have part of his pay set aside and get four dollars for every three deposited. "Our international, district and local lodge officers and many influential members participated willingly from patriotic motives in the Treasury's War Bond program. The results have been so gratifying and so satisfactory that its continuance in peacetime, for economic reasons, is recognized and generally followed by all previous participants. Therefore, I heartily endorse the payroll savings bond purchase plan."

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RAITER CANNING COMPANY EMPLOYEES—We advise all members working at the Raiter Canning Company to keep track of your straight time and overtime hours, whether it be piece work or hourly rates. If you are not familiar with your agreement, contact the Shop Steward or the Business Agent. Pay your dues on time in order to be eligible for sick and disability benefits from the Union.

At your next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, July 25, at 8 p.m. at the Foresters Hall, you will be asked to select Shop Stewards for the front end of the cannery; also at that meeting many of our problems will be discussed.

WATSONVILLE—On Wednesday, July 17, an election was scheduled at the Watsonville Canning Company between the CIO and our union. At 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, we were notified that the CIO had withdrawn their petition. When you read this, our union and the company will be in negotiation for an agreement covering the workers in that cannery.

UNION ICE COMPANY EMPLOYEES—To all of the men who worked on July 4: We wish to inform you that the overtime has been corrected and overtime will

be paid to all men who worked on that day.

SAM REGAS & SONS—Negotiations with Sam Regas are not progressing very favorably and unless our requests are met, it will be necessary that the members involved at this plant be called to a special meeting to take the necessary actions. With the great increase in the cost of living, this firm insists on negotiating on the basis which we believe would be a decrease to these people, particularly the women.

GILROY AREA—C. B. Gentry Workers: We are glad to notice that the company has opened up their cafeteria, and will no doubt employ a bus to transport the workers in the very near future. Since our last meeting at Gilroy, several grievances were satisfactorily settled, some of which were with regard to vacation checks.

Whenever you work next to someone who is not wearing a union button, report it immediately to the Shop Steward. Remember that through your collective strength you have been able to procure good wages and conditions which you now enjoy, and that was because you all paid dues to one union.

We want our members to call at

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Central Labor Council

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ident of State Federation of Labor to be invited, also Dan Flanagan of Teamsters. Mayor Taylor and Bob Mercer to be invited by motion carried. Mr. Outland also to be invited if available.

Receipts and expenses. Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER ANDRADE,
Secretary.

the office for a constitution if you have never received one. We want you to familiarize yourselves with Article VII of the local constitution and by-laws which deals with Sick and Death Benefits. Remember that ignorance cannot be accepted as an excuse. Many of our members are not familiar with the conditions involving sick benefits. In order to be in good standing, your dues must be paid before the 15th of the month.

The following meetings are scheduled for the month of August:
Tuesday, August 6—Regular meeting of the union will be held at the Foresters Hall at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7—Regular meeting of the Watsonville division will be held at the L.O.O.F. Hall at 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 8—Special initiation meeting will be held at the Foresters Hall, Salinas, at 8 p.m. Anyone who has not been initiated please attend this meeting in order that you be a member in accordance with our constitution and by-laws.

Tuesday, August 13—Two meetings are scheduled at our hall in Gilroy, directly across the street from the U.S. Post Office. For the swing shift at the C. B. Gentry Company there will be a meeting held at 1 p.m., and for the day crew a meeting will be held at 8 p.m.

There may be a special meeting

Alameda County in Support of Shelley

"Jack Shelley, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, needless to say, deserves the unqualified support both financially and morally of every working person in the State of California."

This opinion was sent to all of its affiliated unions last week by Alameda County Central Labor Council.

"Not just because he is one of our workers, but because of the marvelous work done by him... as Senator. On one bill alone which he introduced, fought for, and successfully carried through the Legislature, every working person owes him everything he can possibly ask. His campaign expenses and his support at the polls, if he is to be elected, must come from the Labor Movement."

A minimum of \$150,000 is needed for the campaign, the letter points out. Of the amount it collects, the council will apportion 75% to Shelley, and the remainder to Will Rogers Jr. (for Senator), Edmund Brown (for Attorney General), Patrick McDonough (for Congressman), and Thomas Caldecott (for Assembly, 18th District).

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The following members received sick benefit checks this week:
John Ramey, King City, \$25;
James J. Allen, Salinas, \$25; B. F. Harbin, Salinas, \$50; William Blake, Gilroy, \$25; A. Breaum, Salinas, \$25; Fannie Westmoreland, San Juan, \$75.

Chicago Rent Boost Averages 80 Percent As Ceiling Smashed

Chicago, Illinois.
The amount of rent increases reported by Chicago tenants as demanded by profiteering landlords has mounted every day since July 1 and has now reached an average of 80% above OPA rents, an official of the Tenants League revealed.

"In spite of the statements of the Chicago Real Estate Board, we've already had over 4500 people coming in here or telephoning for help," said Vice-Pres. Leonard J. Shapiro of the league. On one day alone, one municipal court was the scene of 150 individual eviction hearings. Hundreds of indignant tenants are swamping other courts throughout the city daily.

Several Chicago tenants have reported threats of violence have been made against them by landlords. One tenant said he had been stoned by his landlord when he complained against a 75% increase.

Navy Yd. Program

A multi-million dollar building program which will provide a number of large, new shops, new docking facilities, and considerable new heavy equipment is going ahead full throttle at the huge Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Much of it has to do with berthing and maintenance of inactive vessels.

American Bridge is handling several thousand tons of steel on these jobs. Gerwick - Morrison - Twaits have about completed a big pier contract. Ben C. Gerwick got low bid of \$4 million on a new pier job starting first of August. Erbenraut and Summers have two hoists and two rigs on a building job, and Plombo Bros. are doing considerable excavation and re-fill work. Cory & Joslin will put in electrical and mechanical shore services on quaywall and piers.

Laborers 886 Hit Unfair Sales Tax

Opposition by labor to the sales tax now being considered by Oakland city and Alameda county increased last week, and one large union Shipyard and Marine Shop Laborers 886 hit the proposal as an unfair, inequitable load that would be carried only by the little fellow. The union, Secretary R. H. Judish reports, sent individual letters to every city councilman and every county supervisor plainly stating its opposition to the historically unjust sales tax, following a move initiated by Alameda County Central Labor Council.

President Truman asked a year's delay on two \$17 million liners for Moore-McCormack South America operation as "curtailment of unessential Govt. expenditures." But not on the 2 Pacific superliners.



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